# Black Marketing

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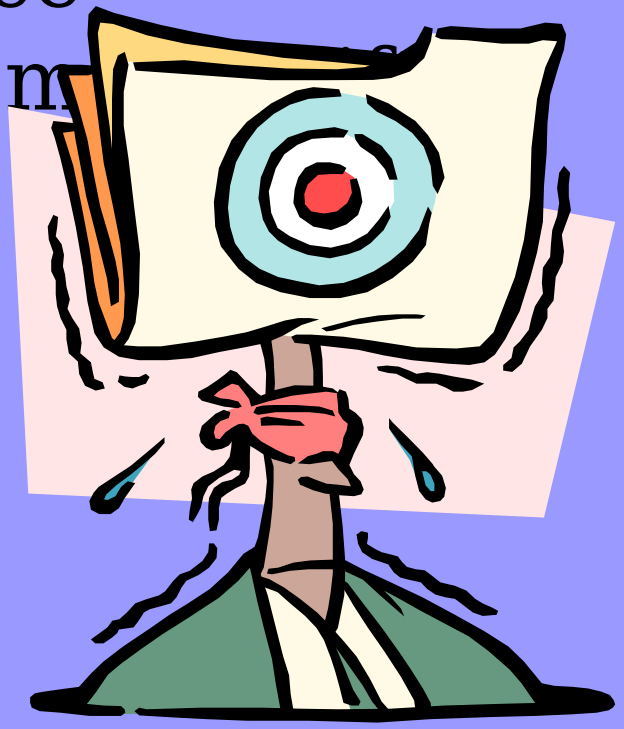
# Definition

- As per Air force Community Standards policy Section 13 for Misawa airbase:
- Black marketing is the illegal transfer of anything that is imported tax free to anyone in Japan who does not have a valid U.S. id card.
- Tobacco products may **NEVER** be transferred to a Japanese citizen.

# Exceptions

- Bona fide gifts of nominal value are allowed on gift giving holidays
  - Christmas
  - New Years
  - Birthdays
  - Retirements
  - Limited social settings.

- **However**, you must complete customs form F-1240 and turn it in to nearest customs office **<u>BEFORE</u>** giving the item



# Examples of Black Marketing

- Walking into Main Exchange and purchasing clothing items for your Japanese girlfriend.
- Taking beer off post to bars and arranging a deal with owner for free drinks.

# Consequences

- Military Members
  - Article 92(disobeying lawful order)

    Dishonorable discharge, forfeiture of all pay

    and allowances, and confinement for two

    years.

# Consequences (cont.)

- Family members
  - Loss of id card, driver`s licenses and on-base privileges for a period of time.
  - If vehicle was used in the crime it can be towed and sold at the owners expense.

# Consequences (cont.)

- Non SOFA personnel
  - Taxed twice the value of the merchandise
  - Separate 100,000 yen fine for each time caught

# Any questions ?